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Restraints Upon MacArthur Let Chinese Invade Korea

Editor of the Press Herald:

In the Vietnam hearings last week Senator Franck Church, with an approving nod from the head honcho himself, took a swipe at the memory of Gen. Douglas MacArthur. Quoting from the Lippmann column of Feb. 16th Church inferred that miscalculations and faulty judgment on Gen. MacArthur's part let the Red Chinese catch Uncle Sam with his pants down during the Korean 'police action.' Church, of course, attempted to show by analogy that present-day estimates made by our military experts with respect to Chinese intentions might also be in error and probably are. What is really ominous is the all-too-apparent readiness of the Fulbright supporters and their mouthpiece, Lippmann, to conveniently ignore the record in the Korean malfeasance. It's all down in the Congressional Record after the intensive investigations of the so-called MacArthur hearings in 1961 before the joint session of the Armed Services and Foreign Relations committees of the Senate. The

testimony of many divergent witnesses have made this record.

Specifically these are the facts, Walter Lippmann to the contrary notwithstanding:

1) At the Wake Island meeting of Truman and MacArthur, Oct. 15, 1950 the joint chiefs, State Dept., CIA as well as MacArthur were in agreement that there was no likelihood of Chinese entry in force into Korea.

2) After the siege and fall of Pyongyang (Oct. 20th) the first scattered Chinese prisoners were taken Oct. 26th. They said they had crossed the Yalu on Oct. 16th. By Oct. 31st it was known that 3 divisions of Chinese were committed. It had always been known that massive Chinese forces were gathered on the Yalu in Manchuria. On Nov. 27th the Chinese crossed in heavy force and engaged Gen. Walker's Xth Corps.

3) In an account published in China the Chinese commander Gen Lin Biao (present Defense Minister) said:

"I would never have made the attack and risked my men and military reputation if I had not been assured that Washington would restrain General MacArthur from taking adequate retaliatory measures against my lines of supply and communication. (MacArthur: "Reminiscences," McGraw-Hill; Truman: "Years of Trial and Hope," Doubleday.)

The blind refusal of our government in past years, influenced by the Fulbright-Lippmann type of thinking, to recognize the true objective of international Communism has cost us \$80 billions and thousands of lives and untold future dangers.